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In re application of: Livshits et al.
Application. No.: 09/841,609
Filing Date: April 25, 2001
Atty. Docket No. US-1410
Title: AMINO ACID PRODUCING STRAINS BELONGING
TO THE GENUS ESCHERICHIA AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING AMINO
ACID

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. Please find enclosed:

- ☒ Amendment and Request for Reconsideration: 5 pages.
- ☒ Petition for Extension of time from the Office Action, mailed October 1, 2003, two months to March 1, 2004: 1 pages
- ☒ Notice of Appeal: 2 pages
- ☒ PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form (fee calculated as shown below): 1 pages.

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Respectfully submitted,



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